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# Note from the President

These are exciting and interesting times for statisticians, data analysts and demographers. The social investment approach is the new game in town and its priority on evidence – especially data and analytics – is the moment in the sun for those who work in this area.

The expectations of data – not least the IDI - are great, even ambitious; if all its aspirations are realised, this could fundamentally reshape social science and social policy.

The social investment approach throws up all sorts of questions about the extent and limits of the social license to provide, use and access administrative and other data. It challenges social scientists to integrate qualitative and quantitative data to provide richer findings or, sometimes, to privilege one method over the other. It also foregrounds the perennial challenge of any research: what to do with findings that go against conventional wisdom.

There are implications of the social investment approach for the census – and what it may become. And there is growing demand in the public service for those with skill-sets in sophisticated data analysis, actuarial modelling, behavioural economics, and evaluation. Given the growing demand for life-course modelling, anyone who has had experience in designing longitudinal research or even running randomised control trials could have a job for life.

If you are not yet familiar with the social investment approach, [here’s a good place to start](http://www.treasury.govt.nz/statesector/socialinvestment). The study of population(s) sits at the heart of all of this, as it does to the work of the Population Association and to each of you. What PANZ and its members offer is a deep and rich resource of expertise, knowledge, critical thinking and sound scholarship that can inform, critique and respond to this brave new world.

Andrew Butcher

President, PANZ

# Note from the Editor

Welcome to the July 2016 issue of the PANZ newsletter. Thanks to everyone who kindly contributed items of interest. We have put this newsletter out a little later than usual in order to be able to include an update on the 2018 Census. While Andrew has highlighted the new sources of data available to us, the Census of Population and Dwellings remains a key source of information for demographic and socio-economic analysis. I know many of you will look with interest at the potential inclusion of new information in the 2018 Census.

There are some interesting conferences coming up later in the year. The annual Pathways conference will be held in November, in Wellington. The annual [Labour, Employment and Work conference](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/som/clew/lew-conference/lew2016) will be held on November 28 and 29 in Wellington. Abstract submissions close by 24 August 2016.

Remember that contributions to this six-monthly newsletter are welcome at any time. The newsletter provides an opportunity for members to share news and reports on research and activities. The newsletter also provides an opportunity to promote current and future work of you and your wider team(s).

Have you attended an interesting population-related workshop or conference? Read a useful population-related book? Or visited an interesting population-related website? Drop us a note so we can publicise it among our members.

The next issue is scheduled for publishing in November 2016. Contributions, feedback and any enquiries regarding the newsletter should be addressed to the editor, Rosemary Goodyear: rosemary.goodyear@stats.govt.nz.

Rosemary Goodyear

Editor, Newsletter

# Submissions for New Zealand Population Review

Start thinking about contributions to the 2017 NZPR. We publish across a broad range of topics relating to population. We also encourage submissions on original research that you have been undertaking. [Instructions to Contributors](http://www.population.org.nz/nz-population-review/instructions-to-contributors/) are on our website.

Articles and any enquiries regarding the journal can be sent to the journal’s editor, Dr Ward Friesen at w.friesen@auckland.ac.nz.

The New Zealand Population Review is a peer reviewed journal carrying substantive articles on many aspects of population, mainly relating to New Zealand, but in some cases dealing with issues in the Pacific, Australia, Asia or elsewhere. These articles may be based on new empirical research, theoretical perspectives or policy-related analysis. The Review is published once a year and solicits substantive articles of 5,000 to 8,000 words.

Ward Friesen

Editor, New Zealand Population Review

# News from Statistics New Zealand

## New population estimates

National population estimates as at 30 June 2015 were released on 14 August 2015. Subnational population estimates as at 30 June 2015 were released on 22 October 2015. Detailed national population estimates by age-sex are available in [Infoshare](http://www.stats.govt.nz/infoshare/). Detailed subnational population estimates by age-sex are available in [NZ.Stat](http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx).

Remember that the population estimates are not directly comparable with census counts. This is because the estimates include residents not counted by the census, either because these residents were temporarily overseas on census night or missed by the census (net census undercount). The estimates also allow for population change since the census. For those reasons the population estimates are the best available measure of how many people usually live in each area.

For a description of the data sources and methods used to derive the 2013 estimated resident population following the 2013 Census, see [Estimated resident population 2013: Data sources and methods](http://www.stats.govt.nz/browse_for_stats/population/estimates_and_projections/erp-2013-data-sources-methods.aspx).

## Update of population projections

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|  | **Latest release** | **Next release** |
| **National projections** |  |  |
| National population | Nov 2014 | late 2016 |
| National ethnic population | Apr 2015 | 2017 |
| National labour force | 17 Dec 2015 | 2017 |
| National family and household | 29 Oct 2015 | 2017 |
| **Subnational projections** |  |  |
| Subnational population | Feb 2015 | 2017 |
| Area unit population | 2015 | 2017 |
| Subnational ethnic population | Sep 2015 | 2017 |
| Subnational family and household | Dec 2015 | 2017 |

For more information see [www.stats.govt.nz/estimates-projections](http://www.stats.govt.nz/estimates-projections).

## The review of statistical geographies

Statistics New Zealand is currently reviewing the statistical geographies, including meshblock, area unit and urban areas. Information about the review can be found [here](http://www.stats.govt.nz/methods/classifications-and-standards/current-classifications-and-standards-review/stat-std-geo-areas-2015-review.aspx).

Over the next few months Statistics NZ is working on a process for drawing the new boundaries for statistical output areas. We’ll be consulting TAs for input to define urban boundaries in their TA and defining SA2 boundaries. We’re drafting a standard that will contain criteria and rules for creating the boundaries that we will share with stakeholders.

**2018 Census**

The 2018 Census will be on Tuesday 6 March 2018. While we have had the option of an online response in 2006 and 2013, in 2018 the emphasis will be online first. In 2018 you will be able to complete your census forms on a mobile phone as well as on tablets or desktops. Statistics New Zealand is aiming to get 70 percent of responses online.

# News from NIDEA

NIDEA is co-ordinating a large scale project called Capturing the Diversity Dividend of Aotearoa New Zealand (CaDDANZ). This project, funded by MBIE, commenced in October 2014 and runs for six years. The project aims to identify how Aotearoa New Zealand can better respond to current and future demographic changes in order for the country to maximise the benefits associated with its increasingly ethnically diverse population. There are 20 sub-projects across three lines of inquiry (Ethno-Demographic Diversity; Societal Impact and Opportunities; and Institutional Implications and Responsiveness) that use a range of quantitative and qualitative research methods.

CaDDANZ is a collaboration between researchers at Waikato University, Massey University and Motu Economic and Public Policy Research.  Details can be found on the website [www.caddanz.org.nz](http://www.caddanz.org.nz)

The CaDDANZ team is continuing a  tradition going back to the 1990s of hosting an annual conference at which publicly-funded research in progress is presented on international migration, settlement and related impacts. This conference has been called the Pathways, Circuits and Crossroads conference (but is usually simply referred to as the Pathways conference).  The 2016 Pathways conference will be held from Wednesday 9 until Friday 11 November (save these dates now!) at the conference rooms on the ground floor of the MBIE building in Stout Street, Wellington.  Information about the conference themes, keynote speakers, etc. will be posted on the CaDDANZ website as soon as it is available. Those who have registered for previous Pathways conferences will also receive updates on conference information by email. For inquiries, please contact Renae Dixon (caddanz@waikato.ac.nz).

# News from Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

ABS Demography is made up of four teams of passionate population experts. Each team has a particular focus on key elements of Australia’s official population statistics.

* Population Estimates and Projections
* Regional Population Unit
* Demographic Analysis and Reporting
* Migration Analysis and Reporting

The teams can be reached at demography@abs.gov.au.

**Regular Demography Releases**

* Released 23 June 2016 [Australian Demographic Statistics](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs%40.nsf/0/BCDDE4F49C8A3D1ECA257B8F00126F77?Opendocument) Dec 2015
* Released 30 March 2016 [Migration](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs%40.nsf/0/66CDB63F615CF0A2CA257C4400190026?Opendocument) Australia, 2014-15

Released 30 March 2016 [Regional Population Growth](http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs%40.nsf/0/797F86DBD192B8F8CA2568A9001393CD?Opendocument) Australia, 2014-15

Some highlights:

* Australia’s total birth rate in 2014 was 1.80 babies per woman, down from 1.88 in 2013.
* Consistent with previous years, Victoria recorded the lowest fertility rate (1.73) and Northern Territory the highest (2.10).
* Life expectancy hit a historic high. Males and females born today can both expect to celebrate their 80th birthday milestone.
* Australia’s median age remained unchanged between 2014 and 2015 at 37, but has increased by 3 years since 1995.

# News from Australian Population Association (APA)

[www.apa.org.au](http://www.apa.org.au)

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**People, Cities, Futures**

The APA will be hosting their biennial conference in November 2016. Join Australia’s foremost demographers, planners and urban researchers to discuss the way forward. Hear from leading commentators, engage in debate, ask questions, and find out the latest research.

For further details see: [www.apaconference.com.au](http://www.apaconference.com.au)

**Will Brexit boost housing demand?**

[Brexit](http://www.theage.com.au/business/the-economy/brexit-may-boost-housing-demand-macquarie-analyst-20160701-gpwb2d.html) was in the news – with researchers suggesting that the United Kingdom's vote for Brexit may boost demand for Australian houses by prompting more expatriates to return home and deterring locals from heading abroad, according to new analysis.

# News from British Society of Population Studies (BSPS)

[www.bsps.org.uk](http://www.bsps.org.uk)

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**Annual Conference 2016**

The 2016 BSPS Conference will be held at the University of Winchester, 12-14 September.

## Some interesting research:

[Migration does not slow rate of ageing population](http://www.lse.ac.uk/newsAndMedia/news/archives/2016/06/Migration-does-not-slow-rate-of-ageing-population.aspx)

Different levels of migration have not led to different rates of population ageing within the UK population, new research from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has found.

Professor Michael Murphy, author of the paper, says: “Changing population age structure in the long term is more complicated than simply opening our borders to more migrants in the hope of increasing the proportion of working-age people.”

# Forthcoming Conferences, Meetings and Events

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| **2016** |  |
| 31 August–3 September | [European Population Conference](http://epc2016.princeton.edu/)Mainz, Germany |
| 12–14 Sept | [BSPS Conference](http://www.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/Researchcentresandgroups/BSPS/annualConference/Home.aspx) Winchester, UK |
| 9–11 Nov | [Pathways Conference](http://www.caddanz.org.nz/massey/learning/departments/centres-research/caddanz/caddanz_home.cfm)Wellington, New Zealand |
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| **2017** |  |
| 29 Oct-4 Nov | [International Population Conference](http://iussp.org/en/international-population-conference) Capetown, South Africa |

[**Call for 2021 IPC host country candidates**](http://iussp.org/en/call-2021-ipc-host-country-candidates)

The IUSSP invites national population associations to consider hosting the 29th International Population Conference in 2021.

Read also our [tips for IPC 2021 host country bids](http://iussp.org/en/tips-ipc-2021-host-country-bids).

# Other New Zealand Publications, Papers and Resources

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) ([www.dol.govt.nz/News/recentpublications.asp](http://www.dol.govt.nz/News/recentpublications.asp))

**Immigration New Zealand Statistics** (https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/research-and-statistics

Ministry of Education ([www.educationcounts.govt.nz](http://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/))

Ministry of Health ([www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz))

Ministry of Social Development (MSD) ([www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/social-research/index.html](http://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/work-programmes/social-research/index.html))

Royal Society of New Zealand ([www.royalsociety.org.nz](http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/))

## Asia New Zealand Foundation ([www.asianz.org.nz](http://www.asianz.org.nz))

## Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University ([www.ips.ac.nz](http://www.ips.ac.nz/))

## Centre for Applied Cross-Cultural Research, Victoria University ([www.victoria.ac.nz/cacr](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/cacr))

## EEO Trust ([www.eeotrust.org.nz/research](http://www.eeotrust.org.nz/research))

# PANZ Officers and Council Members 2016-17

The day-to-day affairs of the Association are conducted by the members of the Council, who come from various parts of New Zealand, and work within a variety of organisations dealing with population issues. Recent councils have comprised individuals working in central government departments, various departments within universities, district health boards, and local and regional councils.

All the existing council have decided to stay on for the 2016/17 year but we would like to extend a warm welcome to Baljinder Devgul.

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# PANZ Membership

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A reminder to pay your annual subscription if you haven’t already. If unsure of your financial status, you can check by contacting subscriptions@population.org.nz.

**New members are very welcome**.

**Membership provides:**

* Subscription to the Association's publications, including the *New Zealand Population Review*
* Access to a network of individuals and organisations interested and active in population matters
* Opportunity to contribute and participate in the Association's activities, including a biennial conference (the next in 2017).

**To Join:**

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Latest estimates and indicators

During the June 2015 year:

* New Zealand's population grew by 86,900 (1.9 percent).
* Natural increase was 28,700 and net migration gain was 58,300.
* At 30 June 2015:
* New Zealand's estimated resident population was 4.60 million.
* There were 2.26 million males and 2.34 million females, equivalent to 97 males for every 100 females.
* The median age for males and females was 36.0 and 38.6 years, respectively.



